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WINTER STORM RETURNS

Nixon Ecclestone, left, of the U-11 Blue team battles Rowen Johnson of the U-11 Red team for puck possession in a Highland Storm game of the week at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton Feb. 27. Highland Storm coverage returns on pages 14-15. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



Plans underway for County vaccinations

By Lisa Gervais

Five Haliburton County partners are working with the local health unit to finalize plans for community vaccination against COVID-19.

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, Haliburton County Paramedic Service,

the County of Haliburton, and Haliburton Highlands Health Services say that while no firm timeline or clinic information is available yet, they recognize residents want local details about what they can expect in terms of immunization plans and locations.

The supply of vaccines into Haliburton County is guided by the availability and

determination of priority groups by the province. The local partners say they are working diligently with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) to plan for the arrival of vaccines for the community.

"We know that many of our residents are anxiously awaiting details on the

availability of the vaccine locally, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we wait for the vaccine supply to arrive," said HKPRDHU acting medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill.

During his weekly media briefing March 3, Gemmill said the Feb. 26 approval of

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Details to be announced soon

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the AstraZeneca vaccine is another game changer in a playing field that is altering all of the time.

He added, "working on very concrete plans about when and where we'll have clinics and so on. Not quite finished that yet, but ... it's coming soon. Just be patient. Like everybody, we all have to be patient. We all want to get this vaccine as quickly as possible."

It is known that after local healthcare workers are immunized, the next priority group will be residents over the age of 80.

According to the Ontario College of Family Physicians, it's expected that age group will be able to book appointments for a vaccine starting March 15. People 75 and older are looking at April 15, those 70 and up May 1, and 65 and older June 1. The college said that is subject to availability and could change. They added there will likely be mass vaccination sites, mobile sites, and likely pharmacies doing injections.

The Haliburton partners and Gemmill said information regarding when, where, and how to book appointments for vaccinations will follow in the coming weeks and will be shared with residents through newspapers, local radio stations, social media, and health care partner websites.

"At the moment, there is no wait list process to receive the vaccine and partners are grateful for the patience of community members who are anxious to receive immunization," the partners said.

They added that until vaccines are more widely available, the community should continue to follow all public



Acting medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill, held a media conference March 3. *File photo.*

health measures to help stop the spread, including staying home as much as possible, practicing physical distancing, wearing a mask or face covering in public spaces, and getting

tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing any of the symptoms. More information about prioritization across Ontario is available at Ontario.ca/CovidVaccine.



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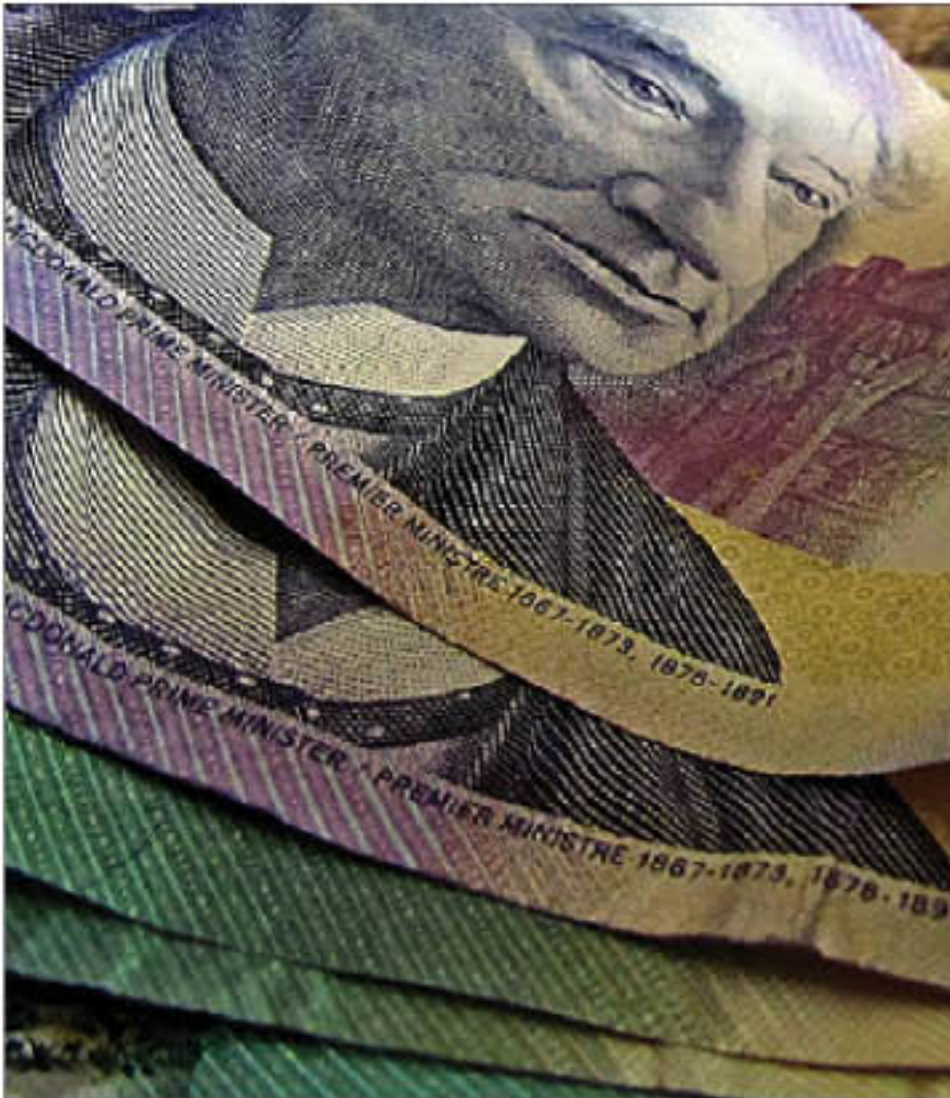
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Highlands East passed its budget March 2. File photo.

HE passes budget with 2.23 per cent levy increase

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East council approved its budget March 2 with a 2.23 per cent increase to its portion of the tax rate.

Council reviewed its final budget, which is expected to be formalized with a bylaw March 9. It amounts to approximately \$184,000 more in tax revenue than budgeted in 2020. The increase will add \$11.04 to residential tax bills per \$100,000 of assessment value.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge praised the budget and the efforts of CAO Shannon Hunter.

"I know it's been very challenging and taken you days and days and weeks and hours of work," Partridge said. "You've done an excellent job, that we haven't had to go back and forth."

The budget features several new capital projects, including \$1.4 million for the South Wilberforce Bridge project principally funded through grants, \$385,000 for a Cardiff Pool repair with \$200,000 carried forward from the 2020 budget and an additional \$148,487 in parks for the Herlihey Park and a new tractor.

For the park improvement project, Hunter said planning has occupied a lot of time. She said staff hope to have the park completed this year and may put it out to tender if the work cannot be done internally.

At a minimum, she said the park's parking lot and walking trails would be finished in 2021.

The municipality is also spending approximately \$50,000 to add a junior planning position. The department has seen an increase in revenue, offset by rising costs. It currently uses a third-party head planner, but Hunter said it is hoped a new staff member could help process applications more efficiently and handle work currently divided among three other staff members.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said Highlands East needs the planner given the volume of people moving into the area from cities.

"We're going to end up with a lot more people applying for a lot more stuff up here," he said. "I firmly believe it's something we have to do."

The municipality is also budgeting an additional \$30,000 in wages and benefits for its roads department as it hires for public works supervisor and roads operation manager positions.

Other noted expenses included \$40,900 for municipal office maintenance and \$25,000 for a County-wide climate initiative to add electric vehicle charging stations.

Ryall said the 2.23 per cent tax rate increase puts the municipality in an "awesome position."

"It doesn't sound like we've compromised anything," Ryall said.

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Minden sets 3.75 per cent levy increase

Minden Hills council will hold a public meeting March 11 before formalizing its 2021 budget via bylaw. Council passed a motion supporting a 3.75 per cent levy increase at its Feb. 25 meeting.

In doing so, they have deferred Bobcaygeon Road works.

The jump also incorporates putting additional money (\$43,000) into reserves for the 2022 budget.

Coun. Bob Carter said without a road needs assessment, he was not prepared to borrow \$2.1 million to put towards Bobcaygeon Road.

He said with the township committed to spending \$900,000 a year on the arena, for loan repayments and staffing, it represented 10 per cent of the budget. He added they had little flexibility with fire and policing costs, with roads being one of the few areas they could control.

Coun. Pam Sayne agreed.

"I think the chickens are coming home to roost on some of our initiatives," she said. She added she is worried about potentially larger levy increases in 2022 and 2023 with things such as increased annual wages and benefits, insurance rates and potential MPAC impacts. She said

she hopes there is growth but that is unpredictable.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey and Coun. Ron Nesbitt backed Carter's direction and it was passed unanimously.

Funding for service delivery review

The township is applying for money under the municipal modernization program which, if successful, it would use to do a service delivery review and put towards its new website.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said a second intake was announced at the ROMA conference in January and she wanted to apply under both the review and implementation streams. She said the review stream is 100 per cent provincially-funded but the implementation stream requires 35 per cent municipal financial contribution. She said applications are due March 15.

Speaking to the service delivery review, McKibbin said it would be beyond the County of Haliburton's recent service delivery review.

"This would be a review more specific to what services we offer and how we deliver those services and possible cost-saving measures," she said.

For the website, she said they have

already budgeted \$45,000 for 2020 but any modernization funding would help them to leverage existing costs so they can do things such as put more modules on the website and allow for people to make payments, do applications and register for programs online.

RFP awarded for Bob Lake boat launch

Council awarded the RFP for the Bob Lake boat launch design at its meeting.

The winning bid came from Tatham Engineering in the amount of \$9,375 plus HST of \$1,218.75, for a total of \$10,593.75. McKibbin said there would be additional legal costs, ranging from an estimated \$1,600 to \$2,800.

However, she assured council that the Bob Lake Association would pick up any additional costs above what council had committed to the project to date, which was up to 50 per cent or \$5,000 to the completion of boat launch design and legal review.

Mayor Brent Devolin thanked staff for their work on the portfolio and said, "I'm looking forward to the results of this."

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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County stands still on emissions reduction

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County council decided not to up its 15 per cent corporate emissions reduction target despite staff presenting options for higher goals.

Climate change coordinator, Corey McKay, presented to council Feb. 24 about its climate change plan. It targets a 15 per cent reduction in emissions from 2018 levels by 2030. But McKay presented other options such as increasing that figure to 30 per cent to align with federal and provincial targets, or 45 per cent to follow the best science and help further limit global warming.

McKay provided examples of similar municipalities aiming for different goals, from Sault Ste. Marie at 10 per cent to the District of Muskoka targeting a 50 per cent reduction by 2030.

"We are seeing unprecedented levels of action by all levels of government, shifting from incremental action toward transformative action," McKay said. "Experts are warning us this is the critical decade to maintain a livable climate ... A 45 per cent reduction is one that is based in science."

"Cutting our emissions essentially in half would require bold leadership but we would not be alone in this endeavour."

Councillors expressed concerns about upping the target. Deputy warden Patrick

Kennedy said the County faces pressure with more people moving to the area permanently.

"Fifteen (per cent) is still an admirable goal to achieve with what's coming," Kennedy said.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said the municipalities passed budgets and she would want more information on financial implications before approving a higher target.

"I would like a multi-year rough projection of what it's going to do to our budget so we can plan and prepare for it adequately, as opposed to taking a leap of faith for the good of the world," Moffatt said. "We need to do both."

Environment Haliburton! vice-president Terry Moore said he was upset by how the conversation played out.

"The financial budget, they're not going to matter much when we don't have a climate that's conducive to civilization," Moore said.

He said there is not enough of a community movement on the issue versus a place like Muskoka. He lamented the County's approach to finish a corporate plan before beginning consultations for a separate community plan.

"There is nowhere near enough pressure. Council's not going to lead on this," Moore said.

Warden Liz Danielsen said council will



County council opted against changing its corporate emissions targets from a 15 per cent reduction by 2030. File photo

look for more information from McKay as she continues her work.

"We're all recognizing it is a moving landscape," Danielsen said. "Just because

we're not making a change today, does not mean we won't do that down the road, and even not too long from now."

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HSAD students get more mental health dollars

By Lisa Gervais

Fleming College president, Maureen Adamson, says 69 per cent of students at Haliburton, Lindsay and Peterborough campuses have experienced anxiety during COVID-19. She said that's up about six per cent prior to the pandemic.

In addition, she says 52 per cent have experienced depression, also up from 46 per cent prior to COVID.

Not surprisingly, she said there has been an increased demand for mental health and addictions support.

Adamson welcomed news Feb. 26 that the province is investing an additional \$336,826 for mental health and addiction resources at the campuses she leads, including Haliburton School of Art and Design.

The college president said she is also worried about student retention, with some dropping out due to anxiety and other mental health concerns.

In making the announcement, the province said the money will support a variety of initiatives, including Good2Talk/Allo j'écoute, Ontario's bilingual mental health helpline which provides professional counselling and information and referrals to all students via telephone, text and live

chat (new this year). It is available to all postsecondary students 24/7, 365 days a year.

The province added the funding will strengthen community partnerships, increase the number of mental health workers and programs and immediately expand access for students to the provincial mental health and addictions system.

Local MPP, Laurie Scott, said it had been an exceptionally challenging year for students.

"We've heard in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock from students who attend these schools ... they have expressed the challenges they have faced through the year and the toll it has taken on their mental health," she said.

Although there is some in-class learning at HSAD right now, students have been forced to learn virtually from home for long stretches of time, which is stressful, Adamson said.

"This has been an unprecedented year of anxiety, students looking for support, counselling services have been taxed, so I cannot tell you how profound and important and timely this funding is for us and our students," she said.



HSAD president, Maureen Adamson, has welcomed more mental health funding for Fleming College. File.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

New COVID protocols

Haliburton area parents will soon get the chance to have their asymptomatic children tested for COVID-19 if they wish.

At the Feb. 23 Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) meeting, Director of Education, Wes Hahn, supplied details about the changes in testing and screening mandated by the province and soon to be rolled out by the HKPR District Health Unit, private labs and TLDSB.

"We are working with Lifelabs, the ministry and the public health units to put together a plan for asymptomatic testing," Hahn said. "We are looking to rotate the testing through the entire district a block of schools at a time. This will be run by Lifelabs, a ministry recommended partner and a very credible company."

Parents have to register their child for testing and it will be done at the school site. There will be a 24-72 hour turnaround

on results. If there is a positive test, public health will be informed and the student or staff person will need to isolate. Other areas have already begun their testing and it is running smoothly, Hahn said.

He told trustees that there will be a change in ministry rules for self-screening that parents and their children are supposed to be doing on a daily basis. Instead of the previous threshold of two COVID-like symptoms to keep a child home, now only one symptom is needed.

"This has become very complex for principals and parents," Hahn said.

"This new screening process is causing frustration. One symptom is now supposed to trigger the student isolating themselves from others. We are trying our best to support families and keep a tight control on the virus and its variants. The board is spending quite a bit of time on these issues," Hahn said.

Trustee John Byrne wondered why the board isn't using the "rapid tests" that can

return a result in two to three hours. Byrne was concerned that with test results taking two to three days to be confirmed, it "is a long time for a kid to be running around a school with COVID."

"We will err on the side of accuracy," Hahn said. "The PCR tests offered by Lifelabs are more accurate. Rates in the schools are very low so we want the most accurate results we can get."

Changes to Grade 9

Superintendent of schools, Katherine MacIver, said preparations continue for the de-streaming of Grade 9 mathematics students beginning September 2021. De-streaming will see almost all students continue to attend and learn together as they did in Grade 8, with a choice of academic streams shifted to Grade 10.

"This is an equity issue," MacIver said. "It will be a real cultural shift. We have

been streaming students into the academic, applied and essential streams for the last 21 years and we are working with parents, students and staff to make this very successful. We want students to have as many opportunities as possible to make good choices about their futures."

MacIver said pilot projects will be running at individual high schools next fall featuring de-streamed Grade 9 English and de-streamed Grade 9 Geography classes.

Haliburton trustee, Gary Brohman, wanted to know how large the de-streamed classes would be, as currently there is no negotiated number for this type of programming.

MacIver said the ministry will set those numbers.

Trustee Stephen Binstock asked if the province's goal is to de-stream all programming in Grade 9, and was told all Grade 9 courses will eventually only be offered in a de-streamed setting. (TLDSB news compiled by Kirk Winter)



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Clarification: In the article "New rail trail event" under Dysart et al news in the Feb. 25 *Highlander*, the event was said to have a route including the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. However, the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has not given approval for the event to use the reserve.

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Minds of some councillors limited

Dear editor,

I was aghast by comments made by two councillors in the story 'Dysart considers plan to turn motel into housing' Feb. 25.

Larry Clarke: "To have it targeted for people looking for affordable housing, that are not going to be part of our economy here, to me is a concern."

John Smith said he takes issue with converting the motel, given the need for summer tourism accommodations.

What rock did these guys crawl out from under?

In what universe do those paying rent, utilities, insurance, buying groceries, and other retail items and services, not contribute to the economy here? And, will the renovations of the hotel not support a local company and its workers?

Stereotyping affordable housing is not productive.

Provide housing relief and you provide stress relief and improve mental health and offer people an opportunity to get ahead, also provide some pride and a sense of wellbeing and an opportunity for a future. They're working to live here just like everyone else.

I'm new to Haliburton, a former seasonal resident of a tourism-based community of 1,100 full-time residents where local shops shut down from Labour Day to May 24. Understandable. More long-term residents justify more business to serve the demand. Simple economics. This just illustrates how tourism is a fair-weather friend.

My brother and I were talking about Collingwood, another tourism mecca. Through a combination of tourism and residential growth, it's become a different town. Even though locals resented growth, they are benefiting from big box retailers that keep them at home rather than venturing to Barrie to support its economy. Don't like big box stores? Adopt measures like Niagara-on-the-Lake and keep them outside the town proper.

But if you don't encourage growth, all growth, you'll never have to cross that bridge.

The County has a full-time population of 18,000. These residents, along with some snowmobilers and ice fishermen, are charged with supporting the local businesses for 12 months of the year, including six months when the area is mired in snow and sub-zero temperatures. Then 27,000 fair-weather residents come flocking to town when the sun shines, and these are the ones Mr. Clarke and Mr. Smith are focusing on. To give them hotel rooms for a few days over the course of a few months. Never to be seen again.

During this seasonal slowdown, and lockdowns, we have done takeout dinners two to three times per week, groceries, online hardware orders. This is the type of support local businesses need when the sun isn't shining and the family reunions on the dock, and party rentals, aren't happening. Haliburton has enough geographical

limitations to growth with access and transportation limited to a linear pattern by hills and waterways as its boundaries. Putting all your eggs in the tourism basket limits growth even more. Do we need the minds of council to be limited as well?

Joanne Keenan
Haliburton

Actions speak louder than words

Dear editor,

Using the pandemic for political cover, the Ford government is fast-tracking Highway 413, cutting through 55 km of prime farmlands, conservation land, waterways and protected areas.

The corresponding urban sprawl will destroy some of Ontario's most productive farmland.

There has been no formal Agricultural Impacts Assessment of the proposed highway and the government wants to avoid a full environmental assessment, opting for a streamlined (faster, less thorough) version.

Based on an expert panel report which concluded that the highway was "not the best way to address the region's changing transportation needs," the project was cancelled in 2018. Costing approximately \$6 billion, commuters would save only 30 seconds per trip.

Why should residents of Haliburton County care?

1. Food security. As domestic food production is decreased by destroying farmland, we become more dependent on expensive imported food. In the words of Peter Victor, economist and chair of the Green Belt council, "Once we've paved over the lands that provide our food supply, it's gone forever. And you can't eat real estate."

2. The highway cost will be borne by taxpayers. Cheaper, more environmentally friendly alternatives to solve congestion were identified in the expert panel report.

3. It is important Ontarians are confident large infrastructure or industrial proposals are examined through proper environmental assessments. If protections can be waived to expedite projects elsewhere, the same shortcuts could bring irreversible environmental, economic and social effects to Haliburton County as well.

4. Agriculture, food processing, tourism and recreational industries are being put at risk, endangering jobs and billions in economic activity.

6. Increased traffic will produce more greenhouse gases putting climate goals at risk.

Development in Ontario must benefit the majority of Ontarians and enhance quality of life. A government that claims to be "for the people" probably isn't. Actions speak more loudly than words.

Elizabeth Turner
Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Grace Schuurmans submitted this photo of a White-breasted Nuthatch that had its eyes on her birdfeeder.

Words of warmth

Dear editor,

Since last April, SIRCH has been providing meals, soups, and fruit to people who are struggling. They may struggle because of depression, illness, lack of resources or other reasons. SIRCH Community Kitchen volunteers and staff cook nutritious food several days a week to ensure that our community members don't go hungry. Over 26,000 portions have been frozen and provided to residents across the County since last April.

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Highlands East will head a public consultation for the province's disposal of Crown land on Centre lake. File photo.

HE takes on public consultation on Centre Lake

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East plans to work alongside the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) in its consultation to dispose of the provincial Crown Reserve on Centre Lake.

Council passed a resolution March 2 to take part in the ministry's process. It comes as the province considers two applications for development at Centre Lake that seek to use its 200-foot Crown reserve, including a 60-suite resort called Granite Shores.

Planner Chris Jones said the MNRF will want municipal input – and whether council supports the Crown land disposition.

"If council is ultimately going to be tasked with rendering some decision of support or non-support," Jones said. "Take the bull

by the horns and as far as a consultation process, create an opportunity for people and stakeholders to provide comments directly to the municipality."

The motion indicates consultation will include notice by direct mail to landowners within two kilometres of Centre Lake, Cardiff shoreline associations and Indigenous groups. The municipality will also notify local trail and recreational organizations such as the Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club by direct mail or email.

In addition, the municipality is proposing a virtual open house as a special meeting to provide an opportunity for public comment. There will be further notification in local print media and on the municipal website.

"Pick a date and schedule a special

meeting of council for the sole purpose of allowing for public input," Jones said. "That becomes the salient aspect of this disposition that council can use to inform themselves."

Granite Shores launched its own website in February detailing its project and soliciting feedback, but it is separate from any government consultation to come.

"We aim to provide all the information on this exciting development in Haliburton Highlands in an open and transparent fashion," the development said on its website.

No timeline has yet been set for the meeting or the MNRF's consultation process. Regional planner Pauline Capelle said it is difficult to predict but could be posted for input in the coming months.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Budget passed

County council gave final confirmation for its 2021 budget with a 3.84 per cent increase to its portion of the tax levy.

"Thanks to all our department heads and staff that worked on the budget," Warden Liz Danielsen said. "It was an excellent document, and it made our job easier."

According to staff, the increase stems from pressures such as insurance and health unit cost increases, as well as new spending in areas such as physician recruitment, economic development and shoreline preservation.

Culvert repair

County council approved a culvert repair at Elephant Lake Road, going with a more expensive option that could cost up to \$420,000 for longer life expectancy and no road closure.

Staff presented council with two options

to repair the culvert at Allen Lake. One used steel pipe with an expected cost of \$300,000-\$330,000 but would require a five-day closure with a 74-kilometre detour to Peterson Road. The other option uses concrete and will cost \$90,000-\$120,000 more but allow for one-lane access, with an additional 30-50-year life expectancy.

Danielsen said the second option made sense, adding concern about emergency response if the road was closed.

"It seems we would just be that much further ahead, even though we are spending more money off the hop," she said.

HCDC provides millions

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) highlighted more than \$7.6 million in loans it has approved for area businesses since the pandemic began.

HCDC presented to council about numbers from April 1, 2020, to Jan 31, 2021. It approved 109 loans, totalling \$7.66 million. It also provided grants such as the

Local Initiatives Program (LIP), which provided \$85,000 to support 18 projects and an additional \$25,000 in December for new COVID expenses.

"The board of directors have certainly come to the table and really supported the staff in getting all these loans out the door," executive director, Patti Tallman, said.

Business incubator coordinator, Jim Blake, praised the County budgeting for a new economic development officer.

"We are so excited about working with the County on economic development," Blake said. "We are delighted we're going to have another partner."

Danielsen said council soon needs to define its expectations for economic development. She added she is also looking forward to working with HCDC.

"It's really, really heartening to see the level of support you've been able to provide," Danielsen said. "It couldn't come at a more important time."

(County news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiatives Reporter)

Highlander news

County supports long-term care changes

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

County council agreed to support a movement for improvements at long-term care (LTC) homes, though disagreed with local advocates' desire to end for-profit homes.

Council voted to write a letter of support for the Haliburton-CKL (City of Kawartha Lakes) Long-Term Care Coalition. The advocacy group is joining with others across the province to push for improvements, including amending the Canada Health Act to include LTC, guaranteeing four hours of direct care per day for residents, stronger enforcement and a culture change.

Councillors spoke in favour of those ideas. But the coalition's desire to end private LTC did not garner support and was specifically excluded in the resolution.

"The first four points that you have, I think, are a bold initiative and a great start," Coun. Brent Devolin said. "The supply going forward, will public initiatives alone be enough to look after all of us?"

Coalition co-chair, Bonnie Roe, cited the Ontario Health Coalition, a province-wide

organization also calling for the end to for-profit long-term care. Its May 2020 analysis found COVID-19 deaths in homes with outbreaks were higher in private (nine per cent) versus non-profit (5.25 per cent) or publicly-owned (3.62 per cent).

The Canadian military also released a report about terrible conditions at homes it intervened in last May, which prompted the province to start an independent commission. Four of those homes were privately-owned.

"There are some for-profits that are excellent, but generally speaking, they do not follow the standards," Roe said.

"People are asking, 'why are there private profits attached to us as a society caring for our elders?'" co-chair, Mike Perry, said. "Why was that ever seen as a profit-making venture?"

Warden Liz Danielsen said the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus has identified LTC as a priority. But she added the caucus is not yet in favour of ending private facilities.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said she can attest to the challenges of eldercare and there is a drastic need for better support for health workers.



County council wrote a letter of support for a local coalition trying to improve long-term care. File photo.

"More people to do the job," Moffatt said. "We also maybe need to be careful of what you wish for in terms of potential downloading. How do we all as a province push for the changes that are required, without it going off the cliff and then landing in the laps of municipalities for

increased costs?"

Perry thanked council for the support. "There's so much common room and so much common ground for this moving forward," he said. "That's where we find hope in all this tragedy recently."

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Highlander people

Jaycock to fly the coop but Dame Beatrice will be back

By Lisa Gervais

One of Haliburton County's favourite adopted sons is leaving the Highlands, but he promises to be back as his alter ego, Dame Beatrice.

Mike Jaycock is entering yet another stage of retirement as he and wife, Jane, are moving to Ingersoll.

Jaycock told *The Highlander* the decision was one of the toughest the couple has ever faced.

"We knew there'd be a time when we wanted to be closer to family and, given the real estate market, it appeared that now was the time we should make those plans," he said.

They were looking to be outside the big cities, around Woodstock and Ingersoll, down the 403. They found a home in Ingersoll, population 9,000 which puts them nicely within reach of all family members.

The Jaycocks have been permanent residents of the Highlands for almost 18 years.

Jaycock recalls that when they first arrived, they didn't know anyone. However, after joining the Haliburton Curling Club they began to make friends.

He also began volunteering with CanoeFM. It started with a morning show a few days a week, morphing into five days a week.

"Through snow storms, rainy days and beautiful summer mornings, I did that for about 10 years."

Jaycock retired after coming down with Meniere's Disease, an inner ear disorder that triggers severe bouts of vertigo. However, he was able to do the Friday

Drive show and co-hosted with Lorraine McNeil on Monday mornings.

He describes his friendship with McNeil as the best thing that happened to him in radio.

"I still hear her laughter. Almost each time we were together I was able to trick her with some improbable comment and she would always say to me (off air) 'you're such a bum!' and then we would both laugh uproariously. It was the best of times. Lorraine has been gone from us for three years now but her positive impact on my life, as for many others, continues."

She was also integral in pushing Jaycock to fulfill his dream for a Christmas Pantomime that would become the Highlands Christmas Shindig, a major fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth.

"Little did we know that it would be a huge hit and that tickets to the show would

We have been so fortunate to meet and associate with so many 'world-class' people. It is bound to be a tearful goodbye for Jane and I as we make our last trip from the Highlands."

Mike Jaycock
Canoe FM host



Mike Jaycock on air with CanoeFM. File.

become much sought after," he said.

Prior to that, with Tammy Rae, there was the Highlands Radio Almanac. For 10 weeks in the summer, the troupe travelled to a different location each week, throughout the County, and broadcast live, with local talent and interview guests and even live radio commercials for sponsors of the program.

"It was two hours of great radio. I still believe that it was the best radio I've ever been a part of," Jaycock said.

All up, he spent almost 18 years on air.

"That's a pretty good retirement project. It's a great group of people and I have been so lucky to have been a part of their family."

Met world-class people

Outside of radio, there were many other accomplishments. With Jim Blake, there was work with the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the incubator. Jaycock put the renovation plan together, helped establish the business plan and became the first manager of the operation.

For a couple of years, he taught the marketing/communications program at the Haliburton School of the Arts for the Eco-

Tourism Program.

Special events were a big part of his volunteer life, too. The Lion's Club Polar Bear Plunge; hosting auctions such as the hospital auxiliary; hosting Tall Pine Tales; work with the Sculpture Forest and Performing Arts committees; Rotary; SIRCH; Yours Outdoors; Dysart et al; the Ontario Senior Games and emceeing the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala.

He was "very honoured" to have been selected as a Highlander of the Year in 2009. "That was a big deal for me and so very appreciated."

As for what's next, he said he's really not sure. He is hoping to continue to provide interviews to the station and, if it's feasible, contribute to the on-air programming.

He added the Shindig committee has invited Dame Beatrice to come and visit Haliburton in November and "she's very excited at the prospect of seeing everyone again."

As for he and Jane, he added, "we will miss the beauty of the Highlands and all that entails, but it's really about people. We have been so fortunate to meet and associate with so many 'world class' people. It is bound to be a tearful goodbye for Jane and I as we make our last trip from the Highlands."



Dame Beatrice plans to return in November for the Highlands Christmas Shindig. File.

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#2 HUNTER HAMILTON

Hunter opened up the scoring for the U-11 blue team with a nice breakaway goal to start the game. Hunter possesses a very smooth skating stride with quickness that assists in getting through his opponents. He was able to switch from forward positioning to defensive throughout the game with ease.

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New Beaverbrook Golf Course director of golf, Gordon Timbers. Photo submitted.

Minden golf course changes hands

By Lisa Gervais

Beaverbrook Golf Course in Minden has new owners and big plans for the nine-hole course, clubhouse and property.

Luigi Centurami and Liz Coccia have purchased the course and hired Gordon Timbers as the director of golf to lead the golf operations and maintenance team at the property.

Timbers said he's assuming his role this spring and will begin implementing plans for improvement throughout the facility.

"COVID-19 protocols will be at the top of the list, with a goal of ensuring all guests feel comfortable with a minimal contact experience," he said.

Plans also include a complete renovation to the clubhouse, which is currently underway and should be completed early in the 2021 golf season. An addition of new carts is in the works as well, which Timbers said will improve the quality of the experience.

"We will be adding a full-service restaurant to the facility, called Mulligans Pub & Patio, that will be operated by Michael Wright and Paula Sylvester as owners and food and beverage managers for the course," he said.

The pair have been owners and operators of the Tower Bistro restaurant in Dorset, winning the TripAdvisor award of excellence during this time.

He said the facility is also excited to announce that they will be offering a full adult membership at the promotion price of \$500. Timbers will also be assessing the daily rates for the coming 2021 season and will probably make adjustments to be on par with the other 9-hole courses in the County.

They'll be continuing the ladies league tradition as a supporting venue for the Chippers and Putters divisions held on Tuesdays. The course will also be offering a weekly men's night that is slated for Monday evenings, which will be using a shotgun format to promote a club atmosphere.

With Centurami and Coccia also owning Twin Lakes Resort, Timbers said currently the two entities will be separate, "but we may offer a stay and play promotion through the resort in the future."

Timbers' resume includes work at the Muskoka Bay Club, Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club, The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge and Beacon Hall Golf Course in Aurora.

What's on

Bridging connections with online art

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre seeks to help bridge the gaps between people with its first-ever online exhibition launched Feb. 27.

Titled "Connection," the show presented submissions from its members, featuring a wide array of mediums. Besides a physical gallery still viewable at the centre under additional public protocols, it is also available on the centre's website, with a guided virtual tour.

Curator Laurie Jones said she learned about the format from the Ontario Society of Artists and it was a way to improve access.

"Not everybody's comfortable yet with being around, especially in public spaces," Jones said.

The exhibition is an annual salon show, drawing from local talent, Jones said. The pandemic prompted the move to an online addition – and the theme for the show itself.

"It came up out of my own cravings for connections and missing people," Jones said. "In many ways, we're looking for alternate ways to connect."

Artist Rosanna Dewey's exhibition piece depicts one of those ways. It is an oil painting entitled "Zoom Room" depicting a call on the online meeting platform. She said the show's theme was poignant.

"It's so hard to be connected," Dewey

said. "It really made me think about what was going on and what my connections were."

She said she had some skepticism about the online concept but found it turned out appealing.

"You want to be able to get up close to the artwork and you get more of a sense of the piece," Dewey said. "But I found that people were still interested. People still needed to go and experience art, even if it was through a Zoom format."

SUB: Arts and Crafts Festival on pause

But the community will miss one big way to connect with art in the summer. The Haliburton Art and Craft Festival – the gallery's flagship event and fundraiser – is cancelled for the second straight year due to the pandemic, Jones said.

She said it would be too logistically challenging to ensure safety amidst the pandemic.

"We don't want to introduce any risk to our volunteers or staff or vendors or patrons," Jones said. "Maintaining sanitary conditions would be impossible."

Jones said the centre needs to decide early to inform artists and give them time to plan. She said there might be alternate programming, but that is being worked out.

For now, the Rails End is still putting on exhibitions and bringing arts to the community.

"We're not trying to sell anything. We're



Curator Laurie Jones stands next to some of the pieces for the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre's newest exhibition. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

trying to provide an experience," Jones said. "Hopefully, they feel the connection with the creative arts."

"Connection" runs until April 17 and is available at the centre itself or railsendgallery.com.

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Important Tax Information

The 2021 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 26, 2021. If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date, please contact our office.

The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 19th and May 21st, 2021. This bill has been calculated using the 2020 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2020 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 15th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

March 11 – Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 11 – Public Meeting Draft 2021 Budget
March 25 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

What's on

WHAT'S ON

March 9, 7:30 p.m., Environment Haliburton! presents Dr. Neil Hutchinson, on what the Lakeshore Capacity Project experience teaches us about ecological standards and municipal shoreline planning. Register at environmenthaliburton.org.

March 30, 7:30 p.m. Lake Kashagawigamog Organization's (LKO) Love Your Lake spring Zoom webinar series. The first webinar is: Haliburton County's Proposed Shoreline Preservation Bylaw with speaker, Terry Moore, vice-president of Environment Haliburton! For more information and to register: lko.ca

HCPLatHome Community Cookbook

Have you been filling your time cooking or baking during the COVID-19 lockdowns?

The Haliburton County Public Library needs your help. Send them your favourite stay-at-home comfort food recipes for HCPL's Community Cookbook online: haliburton.libraryshare.com/hcplcookbook/ or via email: info@haliburtonlibrary.ca

Feb. 11- March 25 (Thursdays - 4:30-5:30 p.m.)

Online Zumba (Zoom) with certified instructor, Joanne MacLeod. Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. The program is open to all genders and experience levels. 18-plus. It's offered by the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Drop-in programs are by donation. For more information and to give a donation, call the Dorset Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Weekdays at 4 p.m. - Haliburton County Public Library has a new story studio for grownups. Every weekday at 4 p.m. [started Feb. 8]. See their Facebook Live or YouTube. Listen to a chapter at a time of *The Blue Castle* by L.M. Montgomery of *Anne of Green Gables* fame (including a quick review in case you missed the previous chapter). After that, the book is *No Love Lost*, a mystery by L. Allingham.

Saturdays - Online story time, a spot for families to gather and enjoy story time together. Every Saturday at 10:10 a.m. on Facebook Live and YouTube.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. - Maker Breakers on Facebook Live and YouTube

March 4 "Garbage Pail" Chocolate Bark with Jaime A

March 9 Painted Scrabble Record for St. Patrick's Day with Nicole

March 10 Frozen Bubbles (weather permitting) with Noelia

March 11 Altered Book Blackout Poetry with Jaime A.

You can borrow Makey Makey kits from the library for a one-week loan. Computer required but not included.

Fridays

Learn hints and tips about using your computer, tablet, or smartphone: a different topic each week. Coming up: Friday, March 5 at 2 p.m. tech basics Q and A Zoom meeting. If interested, RSVP to ntherrien@haliburtonlibrary.ca by March 4. Friday, March 12 at 2 p.m. How to access the library's free WiFi. Contact muir@haliburtonlibrary.ca for details.

Book clubs and writing groups

Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle: Alternate Saturdays at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact brenda.peddigrew@gmail.com

Wilberforce Library Book Club: Last Wednesday monthly at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Maureen at wilberforcebookclub@gmail.com

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT?
Contact admin@thehighlander.ca



Filmmakers Mike Mildon and Jackson Rowe during a dig for the body of a long-missing man in Minden in August 2020. File photo.

Minden mystery docuseries debuts "For Heaven's Sake" premieres March 4.

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative
Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands is being spotlighted on international streaming services through the docuseries "For Heaven's Sake," launching March 4.

The series chronicles an adventure for filmmakers, Jackson Rowe and Mike Mildon, who unravel the mysterious disappearance of Mildon's great, great-uncle Harold Heaven in Minden in 1934. The eight-episode series - filmed predominantly in the township in 2019 and 2020 - will launch in its entirety on CBC Gem and Paramount+.

"It feels very, very strange, but good," Mildon said about releasing the series. "It's been a long journey that's come to the end. We're so excited to show Minden and the rest of the world the journey we went on."

The series tracks the two as they travel around the community, speaking with people to investigate the family mystery. Heaven's body was never

recovered after he disappeared from his Horseshoe Lake cabin; it was ruled a suicide by authorities at the time, but the filmmakers pursue alternate theories, including murder.

Although they had considered a movie, Mildon said the amount of content they got made it better for a series.

"We felt the different leads we got, we could explore one per episode," Rowe said.

Those who followed along with the production locally might have an idea of how the series will unfold. But the duo said the series has many aspects people likely missed, including the ups and downs of being detectives and the moral challenges they faced.

"We just wanted to make sure any moral wrongdoing fell on the shoulders of Mike and myself," Rowe said. "It was hard to find a proper perspective where we gave respect to all the faces along the way. It's all in there. It's something we didn't want to shy away from - warts and all."

The pair - who previously did short-form skit comedy - said what comes next for them is up in the air. For now, they are focused on promoting the series.

Mildon said the series will have lots to see for locals. The two expressed their appreciation for the area.

"Minden was such an important character in the story. The community and the town were so wonderful to us," Mildon said. "Just seeing familiar faces and seeing how this town came together to help these unlikely detectives try to solve this way-too-old of a case. It's a very, very heartwarming, interesting story."

"It's exciting," Rowe said. "It's hard to do something unique nowadays and I feel we actually have, so we're proud of that."

The series premieres March 4 on Paramount+ and CBC Gem. CBC Gem is available for free online at cbcgem.ca, as an app for iOS and Android devices, or on a television via Apple TV and Google Chromecast.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Send your photos to editor@thehighlander.ca



Highlander community

Time to Cook it up and get ready for retail

By Lisa Gervais

This year's Cook It Up and Ready for Retail training programs will be offered both onsite and online, SIRCH Community Services said in a Feb. 15 news release.

In partnership with Fleming College, both programs are starting soon.

Cook It Up trains people in food services. Ready for Retail trains people to work in retail spaces.

This year, for the first time, Cook It Up trainees get to practice their skills in the SIRCH Community Kitchen and Bistro, while Ready for Retail students will cut their teeth at the SIRCH Marketplace.

SIRCH said successful candidates can do some courses from home or, if they don't have an available computer, at the new training centre. Some of the classes will be in small groups in the training centre as well.

"These programs will help you gain the skills and confidence you need to find success," SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said to potential participants.

"We can help you solve any practical issues that may stand in your way, like if you don't have transportation, or need to be home when the kids get off the bus. And you'll get a hot lunch any day you're on site."



Past participants in a Cook It Up program, prior to COVID-19, which is why they are not wearing masks or social distancing. File.

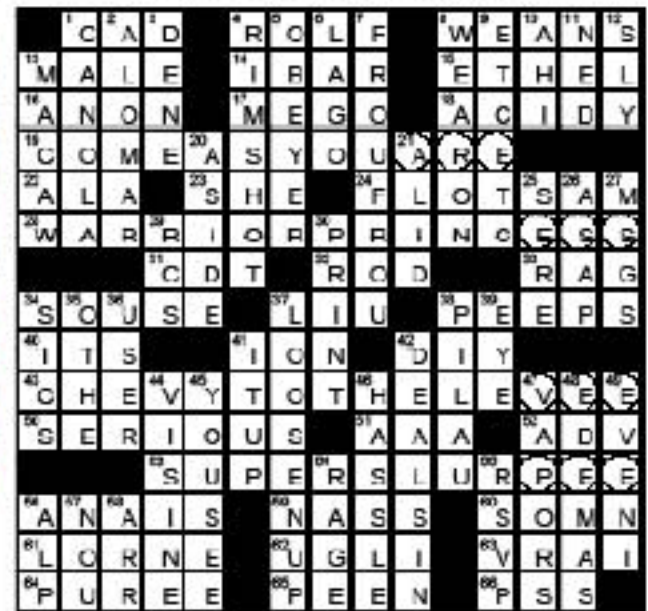
She added, "Our instructors will make you feel confident in no time. Our goal is to get you employed, or self-employed, and everyone is going to bend over backwards to make that happen."

The programs have been running for

six years. Robertson said 90 per cent of graduates have been offered jobs upon graduation.

The programs are free. To apply or learn more, contact SIRCH at info@sirch.on.ca or call 705-457-1742. Or you can visit www.sirch.on.ca.

SOLUTIONS FOR MAR 4



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BUSINESS ADVISORIES | COVID-19 LOCAL BUSINESS ADJUSTMENTS & CLOSURES

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Cordell Carpet – Open with limited numbers and back to regular hours Monday to Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Email cordellcarpet@bellnet.ca or call 705-457-2022 or cordellcarpet.ca.

Algonquin Outfitters – Full details of operations can be found at algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/haliburton. Offering curbside pickup and rentals as well as online sales at algonquinoutfitters.com or call 1-705-457-3737. **Outdoors Plus** – Open but can only have one person in the store at a time. Currently keeping regular hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. This can change quickly, call store to make sure we are available. 705-457-3113.

Tim Hortons – Minden and Haliburton are open for drive-thru and walk-in take out. 12597 Highway 35, Minden & 5003 CR 21, Haliburton.

Buckley Electric – Open. Serving Haliburton County. Call 705-286-1134 or email info@buckleyelectric.com.

Abbey Gardens Food Hub – In-store shopping available. Call/shop online for curbside pick-up. Wednesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 705-754-4769 or abbeygardens.ca/shop-online.

Minden Hills Rent-All – Open by appointment for sales and service of Stihl and Cub Cadet products. Also the renting of equipment and party products. Call 705-286-3047.

Kubota North – Open with curbside pickup and drop off. Call 705-645-1175.

The Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre – Open for appointments Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. call or text 705-457-4673 to schedule your appointment.

John Fountain Electronics – Hours of operation, Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - half hour those mornings for curb-side pickup.

Up River Trading Co. – uprivertrading.com is open for business and we're doing curbside pickup in Minden and Haliburton on request. Call us at 705-286-1015.

The Haliburton Real Estate Team – In Business as (UN)Usual. We're here to help you buy or sell. Call Linda at 705-457-6506.

County Automotive – Open by appointment only. The office is closed to customers at this time. Drop off your vehicle only. Call 705-457-1411 or countyautomotive@hotmail.com.

Fleming CREW Employment Services – All in-person services suspended until further notice. Offering appointments virtually and by phone. Please call, email or visit website to book appointment. 705-457-2020 or flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca or www.flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

Taylor Carpet One – Huntsville – We have cautiously reopened following protocols, however appointments are encouraged Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 705-789-9259 or visit taylorcarpetonehuntsville.com.

Country Rose Flowers & Garden – Accepting prepaid orders by phone for pickup or delivery. Open Mon-Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 13513 Hwy 118 W Haliburton, ON 705-457-3774.

Lakeview Motel – Open, however business not as usual and we are accepting essential workers only. Call 705-457-1027 for information.

Riverview Furniture – Our doors are back open with Covid protocols in place. As always, we offer curbside and virtual shopping. Call or email 705-286-3167 or info@riverview-furniture.com

Wintargreen Maple – Open by chance, appointment and curbside. We are open all weekends (retail only) in March & April 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 705-286-3202.

Subway Minden & Subway Haliburton – Open 7 days from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for takeout and remote order pickup only.

Glass Eagle Studios on Blenheim Road – During the lockdown we will be open to sell our honey. Call Tom at 705-286-3626.

Contact North – Haliburton – Take advantage of online workplace and skills training, high school, post-secondary programming with support from Contact North in Haliburton. Help available at 1-855-867-9528 or www.studyonline.ca.

WRD Cottage Rental Agency – Still taking bookings and accepting cottage rentals for this 2021 Summer season. Call 705-457-9434.

Walkers Heating & Cooling – Open for 24/7 emergency service. Office closed to the public, but we can be reached by calling 705-457-2375 or by emailing info@walkershvac.com.

John Francis Fuels – We continue to provide essential services but our office is closed. Contact 705-286-2738 or office@johnfrancisfuels.ca.

Studio Rose – Open. Our website has many things for pickup or shipping. Call 705-286-3363 or 705-754-5099 or at studiorosepottery.com.

Troy Optical – Open, please call for appointment. 705-286-0727 or troyoptical.com.

Highlands Storage – Available. Call 705-489-3925 or email info@highlands-storage.com for on-site office's business hours.

The Parish & Strano Real Estate Team – Open. Call 705-457-5485 for a no-charge property evaluation.

Lockside Trading Company – Open Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Still offering online shopping, curbside pickup,

delivery. Contact lockside.com or shop@lockside.com or call 1-888-714-0484.

Highlands Printing and Publishing – Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Email mountainside_farm@hotmail.com or call 705-489-2036. Not open for walk-ins.

Algonquin Cookhouse – Open takeout only, Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Mondays. Harcourt, E Trail, 705-448-8858. Find us on Facebook.

Delancey Sports – Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Curbside, online and delivery options. Call 705-455-9938, email info@delanceysports.com or visit delanceysports.com.

Wind in the Willows Spa & Boutique – We are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Online shopping at haliburton-spa.com.

Country Magic – Open under strict provincial guidelines. Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eco-Choice Pest Control – Open for curbside pickup only or virtual browsing at info@ecochoicepestcontrol.ca or call 705-457-1500.

Northern Expressions – Open for in-store shopping, Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Sunday.

Bernstein's & FedEx – Pickup and drop off – Open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday call 705-457-1777 for your shopping needs.

Rails End Gallery – Open for in-person visits and shopping. Wednesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Next Exhibition opens February 27 with a Zoom reception and timed viewing in person. railsendgallery.com

Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED

JOB ALERT

BEAVERBROOK GOLF COURSE - MINDEN, ON.

GOLF OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Beaverbrook Golf Course is a 9-hole facility located in the heart of Minden, ON. We are looking for team members for our 2021 golf operation. Please apply by email before April 11th if you are interested in a position.

Duration: Seasonal Position

Shift Schedule: Morning / Day / Evening / Weekend
- Must be available to work all shifts.

Job Description / Duties / Desired Assets / Required Assets:

- Strong customer service attributes and positive attitude.
- Golf knowledge would be an asset.
- Answering the phone to support our customers from booking tee times to general inquiries.
- Using Tee-On POS software to book tee times, process green fees, memberships, golf packages, and other Pro Shop purchases.
- Merchandise Pro Shop, monthly inventory.
- Stage Golf Carts A.M. Wash, fuel and park P.M.
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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires four (4) Seasonal Flagperson/Labourers

The successful applicant will have experience in traffic control and be able to perform heavy manual labour duties in an outside environment.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$17.65.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to abull@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than March 7, 2021.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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HELP WANTED

Maple Avenue Tap & Grill is looking for an experienced waitress. PM & Weekend shifts. Drop off resume Wednesday to Sunday after 11 a.m. or call Bonnie / Andy at 705-457-1100

BUDGET



NOTICE ADOPTION OF 2021 BUDGET

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice.

NOTICE is provided that the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-law to adopt the 2021 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Council Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2021.

Dawn Newhook, Municipal Clerk
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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

David James Alfred Croft

(Retired Milwright with Atomic Energy, Canada)

Born in South Wilberforce, Ontario on November 24, 1924 and passed away peacefully at the Pembroke Regional Hospital on February 24, 2021, at the age of 96.

Beloved husband of Mary A. Croft for 72 years. Dear father of David (Cathy), Mary,

Dennis (Lorraine), and Kyle. Loving grandpa of seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Dear brother of Melville (Bestie) and predeceased by brother Herbert W. Barker and sister Doreen Hutchinson. Son of the late Wilfred and May Croft. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A graveside service and interment to celebrate David's life will be held at South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce, Ontario in the Spring of 2021.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County or to Friends of the Champlain Trail Museum and Pioneer Village, Pembroke or to the Charity of your Choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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IN MEMORY



In loving memory of JAMES HAMILTON September 18, 1934 – March 1, 2018

Just a prayer from one who loves you,
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Because I thought the world of you.
You gave me many things in life,
Gifts both great and small.
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Forever and Always, Linda

3 years ago we lost you
And Heaven gained the best.

We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our duty to the end,
Till we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere;
We never shall and never will,
Forget you, father dear.

*Love, Jackie, Kim, Kevin,
Scot and Jill and families*

CURRIE, CAROLE ELIZABETH (NEE ANDREWS)

Peacefully at Dundurn Place, Hamilton on Monday, February 22, 2021 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Frederick (2018). Loving mother of Lorraine Floard (Glenn), Heather Morgan (Ed), Angela Piander (Carl), the late Bruce Currie (Heather), Brian Currie (Linda Pizon), and Susan Currie. Cherished and proud grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Martin Andrews (Madeline) and the late Lois Verpallen. Special thanks to Dundurn Place for their care and compassion. As per Carole's wishes, cremation has taken place with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, BURLINGTON (905-632-3333). If desired, as an expression of sympathy, donations made to the Burlington Humane Society would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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Senior couple looking for house or apt long-term rental. \$700 to \$1,000. Range. Pets acceptable, smoking outside. Haliburton, Minden or Bancroft area. Need available for May 1st. Call Nancy 705-731-7691 and leave message.

Looking for Shop Rental, min 500 sq ft, separate entrance, to use for spray paint and refinishing. Clean (as dust free as possible) Bathroom / Sink (for washing brushes and equipment etc.) Heated. Overhead lighting preferred. Sufficient power. Call Marcella at 647-856-9078

WANTED TO BUY

Looking to buy old snowmobiles in any condition. Also any old snowmobile memorabilia such as helmets, snowsuits, manuals. Call or text 705-879-5306



The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires an ENGINEERING STUDENT For the period of April 19th to August 27th

The successful applicant must be currently attending a civil engineering program, proficient with Microsoft Office Suite, familiar with Total Station Surveys, ArcGIS, AutoCAD and have a valid G drivers licence. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$22.03.

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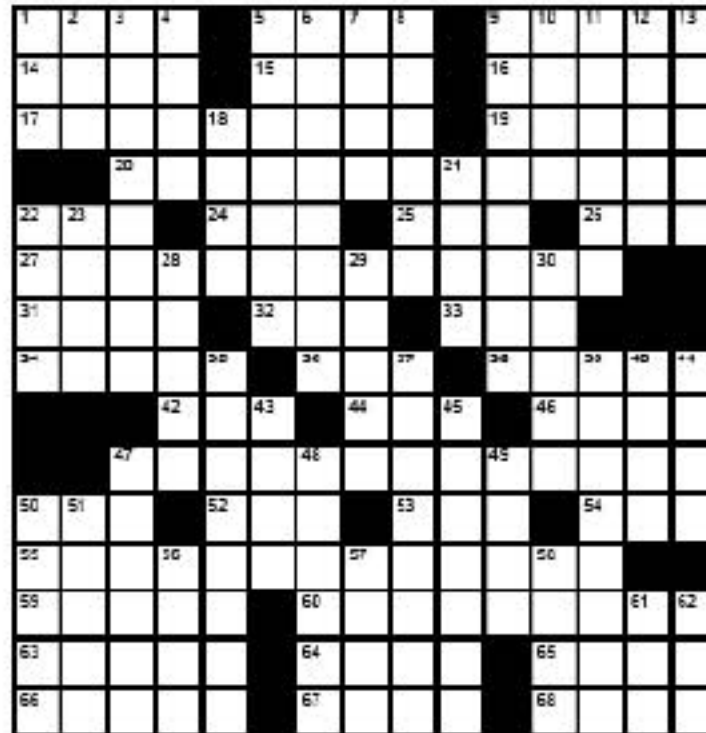
Highlander puzzles

Measuring Up on the Job

by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 Bartlett alternative
- 5 "Hey, that's not ___ ideal!"
- 9 Keats's feet?
- 14 Scot's swimming spot
- 15 LJ2 front man
- 16 Spiral-horned antelope
- 17 Middle-of-the-road, to a hotel reviewer
- 19 Sans___ (plain font)
- 20 Work-related quip, part 1
- 22 On the ___ (feeling)
- 24 90° pipe turn
- 25 Wonderland party drink
- 26 Photo___ (media events)
- 27 The quip, part 2
- 31 Greek war god
- 32 That, to a señorita
- 33 Longtime hockey announcer Cole



Down

- 1 Diner sandwich letters
- 2 "Aah" precursor, maybe
- 3 Penny pincher
- 4 "Hell's Kitchen" competitor
- 5 Let off the hook
- 6 Food poisoning
- 7 Tops for pots, say: Abbr.
- 8 Taco chip giant
- 9 Currently ripe
- 10 Sailor's thumbs-ups
- 11 Strand on an island, say
- 12 Opposite of a string bean
- 13 Good calls, to base runners
- 18 One who checks out, in a way
- 21 Action word
- 22 You pass it on the way to the bar?
- 23 Special "je ne sais quoi"
- 28 German industrial centre
- 29 Singer McLachlan or Slean
- 30 Take ___ (get ripped off)
- 35 Calling the shots
- 37 Legal processor of a will
- 39 In an overly dainty way
- 40 Forever and a day
- 41 Bay St. buys: Abbr.
- 43 Burn black
- 45 Like worms and smooth potatoes
- 47 "How dare you!"
- 48 Units of heat
- 49 First time driver, often
- 50 Where the world is flat?
- 51 Be a bellyacher
- 56 Vault cracker
- 57 Model T contemporaries
- 58 Posties' paths: Abbr.
- 61 Understanding words
- 62 What a picky person picks

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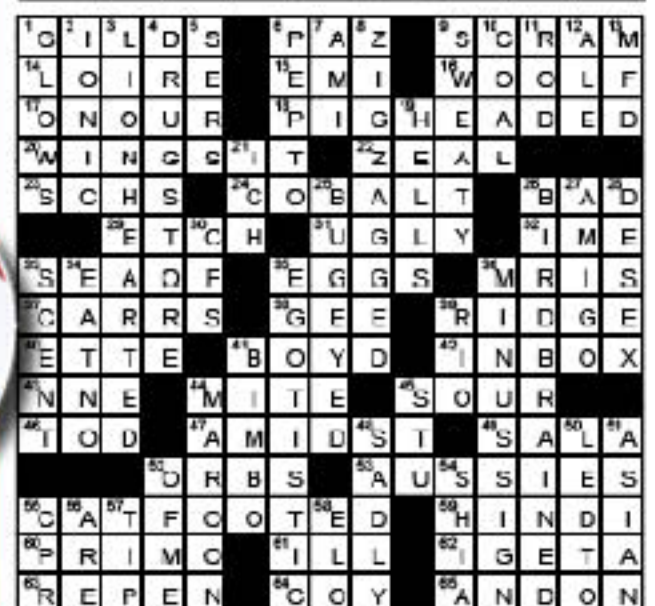
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